Guidelines for Hair Salons During an Outbreak

Hair Salons in Supportive Living Accommodations and Continuing Care Homes

If a hair salon in a congregate care facility remains open during a gastrointestinal or respiratory illness outbreak, the following procedures must be followed in addition to the requirements of the Alberta Personal Services Regulation and its applicable standards and guidelines.

Please note: Public Health may implement additional measures as needed.

1. There is to be no more than one (1) client in the salon at one time. If salon staff normally go to resident rooms to bring them to the salon, the site should consider a different procedure, such as having facility staff perform this function.
2. During an influenza outbreak, salon staff should consult site lead for the outbreak. The best practice recommendations for immunization and antiviral chemoprophylaxis may apply to salon staff as well as to other staff and healthcare workers.
3. During confirmed outbreaks, salon staff must be asymptomatic.
4. During respiratory outbreaks, recommendations for staff/HCW may also apply to salon staff, including implementing continuous masking and eye protection.
5. Clients on isolation, quarantine, or room restriction must have their appointment rescheduled after they are no longer in isolation.
6. Salon staff and clients must perform hand hygiene frequently such as upon leaving the salon, before and after the service.
7. All books and magazines are to be removed from the salon until the outbreak is declared over.
8. Capes are to be laundered or cleaned and disinfected between clients.
9. As always, items that come into contact with clients such as combs, scissors, hair washing sinks, styling chairs, hairdryer chair, etc. must be cleaned and disinfected between clients.

10. The disinfectant used must be effective against the outbreak organism confirmed/suspected. Surfaces must first be cleaned with an appropriate cleaning product **before** disinfection (2-step process). If the product claims it is a detergent/disinfectant, it may be used for both steps.
    a. For respiratory outbreaks, ensure the disinfectant has a Drug Identification Number (DIN) issued by Health Canada with a broad spectrum virucidal claim, or a specific claim against non-enveloped viruses and coronaviruses.
    b. For gastrointestinal outbreaks, ensure the disinfectant has a Drug Identification Number (DIN) issued by Health Canada with a specific label claim against norovirus, feline calicivirus, or murine norovirus.
    c. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for use for minimum contact times, mixing instructions, expiry dates, etc.

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